Clinical Care - Alcohol Withdrawal Scale (AWS)

Digital Health Quick Reference Guide

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This Quick Reference Guide will explain how to:

Document an Alcohol Withdrawal Scale (AWS).

- 1. In the patient chart, select **Interactive View and Fluid Balance (iView)** from the TOC.
- 2. In Adult Systems Assessment click customise view
- 3. Collapse all then Select Alcohol Withdrawal Scale. Tick default open. Click OK

- 4. Alcohol Withdrawal Scale will populate into Adult Systems Assessment. Double click on blue bar and commence scoring
- 5. Click on any symptom (blue reference text) for scoring guide



Interactive View and Fluid Balan..

Activities and Interventions

Observation Chart

Customize	Preferences	Dynamic Groups			
Display	Name		On View	Default Open	^
MUSCU	ILOSKELETAL A	SSESSMENT	2		
⊿ Alcoho	l Withdrawal Sc	ale	7		
Perspira	ation		7		
Tremor			1		
Anxiety			7		
Agitatio	on		7		1
Nausea	and Vomiting		~		
Halluci	nations		V		



AWS Anxiety

- CarePlan information

 Chart guide
- 0 No apprehension or anxiety 1 - Slight apprehension
- Signt apprenension
 Apprehension or understandable fear of withdrawal symptoms
- 3 Anxiety occasionally accentuated to a state of panic
- 4 Constant panic like anxiety

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Special instruction	S				
This is a guide only and you should refer to the medication chart for actual medicaiton orders.					
Score	Medication	Observation Frequency			
< 5	Symptomatic Care	Observations 2-4 hourly			
6-10	Diazepam 5-10mg	Observations 2 hourly			
	Diazonam 10 20mg	Observations 1. 2 hourly			

Commence scoring following first signs of alcohol withdrawal.

Diazepam is the recommended treatment for alcohol withdrawal, but is contraindicated in some cases.

Oxazepam is recommended where diazepam is containdicated (15-30mg oxazepam equipotent to 5 mg diazepam) Cease AWS if score is < 3 on 3 consecutive occasions, or 72 hours after last drink. Repeated doses of diazepam can lead to sedation and associated risks of falls; therefore always ensure adequate spervision



IE, Score 6-10

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Click on Total Score for administration guidelines

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